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PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In visiting Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia recently, you set foot for the first time on the soil of the sovereign Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a Member State and partner of the United Nations in its mission in Kosovo and Metohija.

I have been instructed by my Government to convey its surprise and disappointment that, during your visit, you failed to meet the official representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Mr. Stanimir Vukicevic, Chairman of the Federal Committee for Cooperation with the United Nations Mission, and Mr. Zoran Andjelkovic, President of the Provisional Executive Council of Kosovo and Metohija.

It is unacceptable and incongruous with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) for the officials of certain countries to refuse to meet, during their visits to Kosovo and Metohija, the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Pristina.

It is even harder to understand that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should fail to schedule in his programme a meeting with the Yugoslav official representatives.

That failure has set a negative precedent and runs counter to the said resolution, which insists on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Albanian extremists, encouraged by that, will pursue their separatist policies even more aggressively. Your decision not to meet the Yugoslav officials is all the more difficult to accept in the light of an open invitation extended to you to visit the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

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In conveying the position of my Government on this very important matter, I would appreciate it if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
